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SUBJ: FOURTH COMMITTEE: REQUESTS FOR VOTING INSTRUCTIONS ON  
RHODESIA RESOLUTIONS

1. FOURTH COMMITTEE IS EXPECTED TO VOTE AFTERNOON MONDAY,  
DECEMBER 12 ON TWO RHODESIAN RESOLUTIONS (DATAFAXED TO  
DEPARTMENT AS UN DOCUMENT A/C4/32/L31 OF DECEMBER 8). SECTION  
A RESOLUTION IS BASICALLY UPDATE OF LAST YEAR'S RESOLUTION,  
WHICH WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. MISSION REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS  
TO JOIN CONSENSUS OR, IF NECESSARY, TO VOTE AFFIRMATIVELY.

2. SECTION B RESOLUTION CALLS FOR SECURITY COUNCIL TO ENACT  
FULL CHAPTER VII SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA AS WELL AS MANDATORY  
EMBARGO ON PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TO SOUTH AFRICA.  
IT ALSO CONTAINS ALL PROVISIONS OF LAST YEAR'S RESOLUTION WITH  
EXCEPTION OF SPECIFIC CONDEMNATION OF USG FOR CHROME IMPORTS.  
US ABSTAINED ON THIS RESOLUTION LAST YEAR, DESPITE ITS CONDEMNATION  
OF US.

3. THIS VOTE OBVIOUSLY COMES AT AN AWKWARD TIME, WITH NEITHER  
WE NOR THE BRITISH (OR OTHER ALLIES) CLEAR ON WHAT WE CAN OR  
SHOULD DO. MUCH DEPENDS ON THE UNCERTAIN COURSE OF THE  
UK/US NEGOTIATION EFFORT. THE PROPER FORUM FOR CONSIDERATION  
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OF NEXT STEPS PRESUMABLY IS THE SECURITY COUNCIL,  
WHERE THE TIMING OF THE RHODESIAN SCENARIO MAY BE CLOSE BUT  
IS UNCERTAIN. YET, WE SEE NO WAY TO DODGE THE FOURTH  
COMMITTEE PROPOSAL.

4. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE MISSION RECOMMENDS  
THAT WE ABSTAIN ON THE SECTION B RESOLUTION. WITH ALL

OF THE WARTS ON THIS RESOLUTION, AN ABSTENTION COMBINED  
WITH AN APPROPRIATE EXPLANATION OF VOTE WOULD FULLY  
PRESERVE OUR POSITION ON THESE ISSUES. THE KEY REASON FOR  
AN ABSTENTION, HOWEVER, IS THAT IT WOULD RETAIN THE  
UNCOMMITTED FLEXIBILITY WE ARE GOING TO NEED IN THE  
NEGOTIATIONS FACING US IN THE COUNCIL.  
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